Besides the ongoing Primary Education Programmes, externally aided programmes are being taken up in Madhya Pradesh for strengthening and improving the primary school system.

The target of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh is to bring all the 45 Districts of the State under the fold of Total Literacy Campaigns by 1997.

Education of Tribal Children in Madhya Pradesh

2846. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate number of school going tribal children in the tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of these tribal children in the State are deprived of the right of getting education and opportunities of going to schools even for getting elementary primary education; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to ensure that all the tribal children in Madhya Pradesh get education within a time frame ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The approximate number of school going tribal children in Madhya Pradesh during 1993-94 is 18.17 lakhs.

District-wise enrolment figures for tribal students are not maintained by the Ministry.

(b) and (c) Following steps have been taken by the Central and State Governments to promote education among tribal children :

— Provision of incentives such as scholarships, text-books, hostel facilities. etc.;

— Provision of primary schools within one Km. distance for habitation with a population of 200;

— Improvement of facilities in primary schools under the scheme of Operation Blackboard;

— Adoption of target group oriented strategies and fixing of separate target for access, participation and achievement for ST children;

— Diversification and improvement of programme of non-formal education for children who remain outside the formal school system;

— Opening of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas;

— Setting up of Educational Compllexes in Low Literacy Pockets for development of female literacy in tribal areas.

Activities of NIIT

2847. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the activities of the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) and its various courses offered for Graduates, Associates and Fellows of NIIT;

(b) if so, whether this has the approval of Government; and

(c) if not, what action has been taken by Government against the NIIT under the MRTPC for misleading advertisements ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Director General, Investigation and Registration has asked NIIT to furnish copies of various advertisements released by it to enable him to examine the same with reference to provisions of MRTP Act, 1969 relating to unfair trade practices. As regards GNIIT course of NIIT, the Commission has already issued notice of enquiry. MRTP Commission being a quasi-judicial body, the matter is subjudice.

Allocation for Vocational Education

2848. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the allocation for vocational education out of the current year's central budget and how much has been spent till date;